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--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION--.

This application is a divisional of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/271,416 entitled METHOD FOR MAKING DIE BOARDS, AND MATERIALS AND APPARATUS FOR PRACTICING THE METHOD, filed on March 17, 1999.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29.

REMARKS

The specification of the above-identified divisional application has been amended to insert a cross reference to a related co-pending parent application. In addition, claims 1-29 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe no fees are due with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, please charge any deficiency in fees associated with this filing to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235. Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

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